



## REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

50th Annual 8th AFHS REUNION

The Higgins by Hilton ~ New Orleans, LA

September 25-29, 2024

### STOP!

◇ **RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM *FIRST!***

The reunion hotel has a liberal cancellation policy—in the event you are unable to attend the reunion, you will be able to cancel your reservation without penalty within 72 hours of your scheduled check-in time. However, if you wait until the last minute to book your room reservation, you may not receive the reunion rate or rooms may no longer be available at the reunion hotel.

*Canceling your hotel reservation does NOT cancel your reunion activities.*

◇ **COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM**

Please fill out the registration form completely.

- ⇒ Fill out your name as you wish it to be on your name tag—and for up to 3 guests registering with you. ONE address per registration form, PLEASE! The principle attendee MUST be a current member of the Society to register for the reunion. You may JOIN and/or RENEW directly on the registration form. If you are a veteran, and/or affiliated with a bomb or fighter group, please indicate which group.
- ⇒ ALL meals are priced separately. *Please note: Breakfast is on your own!* Be sure and indicate if you need special meals such as vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, etc.
- ⇒ There are two [2] tour options available during the reunion. Please read the information on each tour and then make your selection on the form. **Tours have limited seating and are filled on a first come first available basis.**
- ⇒ **The National Museum of WWII** is located directly across the street from **The Higgins** hotel. **Admission/unlimited access to the museum is via a special membership purchased on the reunion registration form**—unless you ALREADY HAVE a CURRENT MEMBERSHIP to the WWII MUSEUM. If you are a **current member of the WWII Museum**, you **MUST PRESENT** your **MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP CARD** for admission.

◇ **MAIL IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM**

Once you have completed your registration form, please total up the amount owed and include a check, money order, or credit card information on the form, payable to the **8th AFHS** and mail to:

8th AFHS  
68 Kimberlys Way  
Jasper, GA 30143-4769

Or you may **SCAN** your registration form if paying by credit card  
*[a 3% convenience fee will be added]*  
and then

—> **EMAIL** to:

**ManagingDirector@8thAFHS.org**

**ALL** registration forms **MUST** be **received** by **August 23, 2024** in order to guarantee your place. If you have any questions or problems in completing your registration, please contact:

Debra Kujawa  
Managing Director  
8th AFHS  
912-748-8884

**ManagingDirector@8thAFHS.org**

*ALL reunion information and forms are available on our website: [www.8thAFHS.org](http://www.8thAFHS.org)*



## HOTEL INFORMATION

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### THE HIGGINS

#### RESERVATIONS

(833) 357-1172

(Reference '928' for group rate)

Direct link to reservations:

<https://group.curiocollection.com/zg61jf>

Or on our website:

[www.8thafhs.org](http://www.8thafhs.org)

NEW—>OVERFLOW HOTEL<—

### HILTON GARDEN INN

#### RESERVATION INFORMATION

(800) 774-1500

(Reference '91A' for group rate)

Direct link to reservations:

[Hilton Garden Inn reservations](#)

Or on our website: [www.8thafhs.org](http://www.8thafhs.org)

### Location

As the official hotel of the National WWII Museum, The Higgins Hotel & Conference Center's name reflects the contributions of the extraordinary entrepreneur, Andrew Higgins, who designed and built over 20,000 boats in New Orleans that were used in every major amphibious assault of World War II.

Conveniently located directly across the street from The National WWII Museum, **1000 Magazine St., New Orleans, LA 70130**, the hotel offers 230 era-inspired guest rooms and specialty suites, premium amenities, full-service restaurant, lounge, and a rooftop bar, as well as a second-floor conference center with more than 18,000 square feet of meeting and event space.

**\*The Hilton Garden Inn is located 3 blocks from the Museum: 1001 South Peters St., New Orleans.**

### Transportation to/from Airport & Parking

For those of you flying into New Orleans, you will need to either rent a car, use a cab or car service, or a ride-share such as Uber or Lyft. Self-parking is available at the Higgins. The rate is \$32 per day + 12.45% tax (per car/per day) when charged to a guest room account. Clearance is 7 ft. **Valet parking available at the Hilton Garden Inn @\$45 per day. Additional parking options available. Call for more information.**

### RESERVATION INFORMATION

#### **BOTH HOTELS!!!**

**Group Name:** *8th Air Force Historical Society*

**Reunion Dates:** September 25-29, 2024

**Rate:** \$189.00 + 16.20% + \$1.00 = \$220.62 per night.

Rates are offered 3 days prior and 3 days post reunion based on availability.

**Cut off Date:** August 21, 2024

**Cancellation Policy:** All reservations have a **72 hour** cancellation policy, or attendee will be charged one night room rate plus tax.

#### WHEELCHAIR RENTALS

**ScotAround:** (888) 441-7575 or [ScotAround.com](http://ScotAround.com)  
*Reserve chair rentals early!*

### HOSPITALITY SUITES (HIGGINS ONLY)

**HOSPITALITY SUITES** are very limited and will be offered to groups on a first come, first reserved basis.

We ask that you reserve your suite as soon as possible and consider sharing with another group! Suites are located throughout the hotel, but we will post location information at the registration desk as to where each group is located!

**PLEASE contact ME ASAP to reserve your suite!**

Call or email ASAP:

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# REGISTRATION

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REGISTRATION CUT-OFF DATE IS August 23, 2024 (NO refunds on cancellations past this date)	Price p/p	# of People	TOTAL
<b>DUES:</b> The principal attendee <i>MUST</i> be a <b>CURRENT</b> member of the 8th AFHS to register for this reunion. If you are <b>NOT CURRENT</b> , or a member, <b>please pay your yearly dues here:</b>	\$ 60	#	\$
<b>REGISTRATION FEE (non-refundable): EVERY attendee MUST pay registration fee</b>	\$ 45	#	\$
<b>DINNERS</b>			
Thursday, Sept 26: Dinner—Chef’s delightful favorites welcoming you to the Big Easy!	\$ 82	#	\$
Friday, Sept 27: Rendezvous Dinners—Roasted Marinated Chicken & all the trimmings!	\$ 70	#	\$
Saturday, Sept 28: GALA Banquet—Surf & Turf buffet... <i>the best of both worlds!</i>	\$ 78	#	\$
Vegetarian [Vg], vegan [V], gluten free [GF], etc— Please indicate # of meal types each day: Thurs _____ (\$82) Fri _____ (\$70) Sat _____ (\$78)	---	---	\$
<b>TOUR OPTIONS: LUNCH INCLUDED on Thursday</b>			
<b>NEW!!! UNLIMITED ADMISSION to National WWII Museum. This is a MEMBERSHIP* details in tour descriptions. If you are already a current member of the WWII Museum, you MUST SHOW YOUR CARD to ENTER! After each name on registration, please enter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if touring Museum.</b>	\$ 50	#	\$
Thursday, Sept 26: 10:45am-2:00pm ~ Fabulous River Cruise Includes Lunch & Live Jazz	\$ 92	#	\$
Friday, Sept 27: 10:00am-2:00pm ~ New Orleans & Garden District ~ <b>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN!</b>	\$ 48	#	\$
<b>Total amount payable to: 8th AFHS</b>			\$

Please PRINT. If registering a veteran, please list their name first.  
***MAXIMUM of FOUR [4] persons per ADDRESS per registration form!***

**MEMBER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ BG/FG (for name tag & seating) **351st BG**

VETERAN? If yes—> WWII: \_\_\_\_\_ Post WWII: \_\_\_\_\_ (conflict or era): \_\_\_\_\_ (Branch of Service): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PH #: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Name #2: \_\_\_\_\_ WWII Museum: \_\_\_\_\_ Military service: \_\_\_\_\_

Name #3: \_\_\_\_\_ WWII Museum: \_\_\_\_\_ Military service: \_\_\_\_\_

Name #4: \_\_\_\_\_ WWII Museum: \_\_\_\_\_ Military service: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ PH #: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WILL BE USING A WHEELCHAIR ON TOURS: \_\_\_\_\_ NEED HYDRAULIC LIFT?: \_\_\_\_\_

IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD —M/C; VISA; or AmEx (*a 3% convenience fee will be added*):

CARD #: \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your contact information will only be shared with attendees.*

MAIL completed form with check or credit card info to: 8th AFHS ~ 68 Kimberlys Way ~ Jasper, GA 30143-4769  
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Questions? PLEASE CALL: (912) 748-8884



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### Wednesday, September 25

8:00am — 5:00pm Reunion Registration open  
**9:00am — 5:00pm** ***The National WWII Museum\****  
6:00pm — 7:00pm Welcome Reception, followed by dinner on your own  
7:00pm — 9:00pm 8th AFHS Board Meeting  
7:00pm — until Hospitality Suites remain open throughout reunion

### Thursday, September 26

7:00am — 8:30am Breakfast on your own\*\*  
8:00am — 5:00pm Reunion Registration open **TBD\*\*\***  
**9:00am — 5:00pm** ***The National WWII Museum\****  
10:30am — 2:30pm ***Lunch Cruise on Steamboat Natchez ~Live Jazz***  
6:00pm — 9:00pm Cash Bar Open  
7:00pm — 9:00pm Dinner and program: ***Stephen J. Watson, President & CEO,***  
***The National WWII Museum***

### Friday, September 27

7:00am — 8:30am Breakfast on your own\*\*  
8:00am — 5:00pm Reunion Registration **TBD\*\*\***  
7:45am — 8:45am Group Meetings  
**9:00am — 5:00pm** ***The National WWII Museum\****  
10:00am — 2:00pm ***City Tour of New Orleans (lunch on your own in the Garden District)***  
6:00pm — 9:00pm Cash Bar Open  
7:00pm — 9:00pm Rendezvous Dinners

### Saturday, September 28

7:00am — 8:30am Breakfast on your own\*\*  
8:00am — 5:00pm Reunion Registration **TBD\*\*\***  
8:45am — 10:15am General Membership Meeting  
**9:00am — 5:00pm** ***The National WWII Museum\****  
12:00pm — 4:00pm 8th AFHS Board Meeting  
6:00pm — 10:00pm Cash Bar Open  
7:00pm — 10:00pm Gala Dinner and Program  
Speaker~ ***Major General Jason R. Armagost,***  
***Commander, Eighth Air Force, Barksdale AFB, LA***  
Music and Entertainment ~ ***The Victory Belles***

### Sunday, September 29

7:00am — 8:30am Breakfast on your own\*\*

***\*The National WWII Museum is self-guided...your "ticket" is a one year membership for unlimited access!***

***\*\*Breakfast is NOT included in our reunion package...please check times with hotel.***

***\*\*\*TBD Registration may be closed during the time scheduled  
for certain tours and/or group meetings.***

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#### THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM\*

*\*Please note: Selecting this 'tour option' on the registration form is an individual membership in the National WWII Museum! This entitles you to unlimited admission to the Museum not only during the reunion, but through 12/31/2025! If you are already a member of the WWII Museum, you **MUST** show your card for admission.*



Offering a compelling blend of sweeping narrative and poignant personal detail, The National WWII Museum features immersive exhibits, multimedia experiences, and an expansive collection of artifacts and first-person oral histories, taking visitors inside the story of *the war that changed the world*. Beyond the galleries, the Museum's online collections, virtual field trips, webinars, educational travel programs, and renowned International Conference on World War II offer patrons new

ways to connect to history and honor the generation that sacrificed so much to secure our freedom.

#### LOUISIANA MEMORIAL PAVILION

the Louisiana Memorial Pavilion, *The Arsenal of Democracy: The Herman and George R. Brown Salute to the Home Front* tells the story of the road to war and the Home Front, drawing on personal narratives and evocative artifacts to highlight facets of WWII-era American life through an experiential narrative.

Start your visit in the Museum's original pavilion, which features the Museum's original D-Day exhibit, the story of the war experienced on the Home Front, macro-artifacts, special temporary exhibits, and the *L.W. "Pete" Kent Train Car Experience*—the perfect place to begin your journey into the WWII story.

#### THE ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY

Opened June 2017 in

#### CAMPAIGNS OF COURAGE: EUROPEAN AND PACIFIC THEATERS

Follow in the footsteps of the citizen soldier in 360-degree displays that take visitors through key settings in World War II. The galleries serve as an immersive timeline and provide a service-member's view of the war.

#### ROAD TO TOKYO

*Road to Tokyo: Pacific Theater Galleries* retraces the grueling



trail that led from Pearl Harbor to Tokyo Bay by way of New Guinea and Southeast Asia, the Himalayas, Burma, the islands of the Pacific, China, India, and Alaska.

### ROAD TO BERLIN

*Road to Berlin* brings to life the drama, sacrifices, personal stories, and strategies of America’s campaign to defeat the Axis powers and preserve freedom.

### US FREEDOM PAVILION: THE BOEING CENTER

Stand beside ground-level tanks and trucks to view WWII airplanes—or brave sky-high catwalks for an up-close look. Exhibits describe the history and production of war machines and honor service in every branch of the military.

**Thursday, September 26, 2024**  
**Busses Board at 10:30am**  
**Board “Natchez” at 11:00am**  
**Sailing: 11:30am – 1:30pm**  
**Arrive back at The Higgins at 2:15pm**

**New Orleans Steamboat Natchez Jazz Cruise & Lunch**

includes an incredible southern-inspired buffet lunch, filled with New Orleans’ favorites!

**Friday, September 27, 2024**  
**Busses Board at 9:45am**  
**Arrive back at The Higgins at 2:15pm**



Travel like the residents of New Orleans did decades ago when you step aboard the historic riverboat on this Mississippi River cruise. After you depart from the harbor, listen to entertaining commentary on the sights that pass by as you stroll the expansive deck, enjoy live jazz music in the main dining area, and check out the churning paddle wheel in action. Along with an exciting cruise on the “*Mighty Mississip*” your experience

### Guided New Orleans Sightseeing Tour

This four (4) hour city sightseeing tour covers 25 square miles of iconic neighborhoods through three (3) centuries with ample opportunities to experience the beauty and history of New Orleans. Includes stops at St. Louis Cemetery #3, City Park, and lunch (on your own) in the incomparable Garden District on Magazine Street.

